Establishing chemical plants in Bihar by Israel

1786. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has been given contracts to establish 5 chemical plants in Bihar to manufacture explosives if so, the details thereof;

(b) what other agreements have been signed with Israel to supply military hardware and ammunition in the last 3 years; and

(c) what is the total worth of these defence agreements signed with Israel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Contracts have been concluded with Israeli companies for purchase of military hardware, equipment, ammunition etc. The total value of the purchase contracts, concluded during the last three years is Rs. 11882.54 Crores.

Requirement of lower levels surveillance Radars

1787. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF has only one-third of its requirements in respect of lower level surveillance Radars;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that it has not been allowed to procure the requisite number of Radars; and

(c) by when these requirements are likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A large number of radras are available with the Air Force. It is not in the interest of national security to disclose the details.

(b) and (c) Induction of new radars including lower level surveillance radars, is a continuous process based on the requirement of the Air Force.